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MOB'S EFFORTS TO LYNCH MURDERER COSTS FIVE LIVES.

One of the bloodiest chapters in Lexington's history, caused by an effort of a mob to secure the person of Will Lockett, negro assailant of little Geneva Hardman, was written yesterday. In the ensanguined chapter deaths of five persons and the wounding of nineteen was one of the leading parts played in the affair.

Crowds of people filled the streets of Lexington at an early hour yesterday morning, when the news became known that Lockett had been brought there at four o'clock for trial. The mutterings of the mob crystallized into action when they surged up the court house steps in an attempt to take the place by storm while the trial of the murderer was in progress. At the time the trial of Lockett was about drawing to a close, the jury having having just returned a death verdict.

The trouble started when a man rushed to the court house having a rope in his hands, and followed by a crowd estimated by some at two thousand, shouting, "Let's get the black brute and hang him." The soldiers guarding the court house received orders to fire on the mob, which they did, with the following result: Five were killed, Ben F. Carrier, J. M. Rogers and J. C. King, Lexington; John Thomas, Wm. Etherington, Versailles; nineteen wounded: An unidentified negro woman; H. E. Milligan, Lexington; Emmett Dozier, Versailles; Patrolman John Clancy, uncle of Mrs. James Connelley, of Paris, F. J. Lear, Patrolman Frank Ely, Otis S. Wood, J. W. Stansell, W. J. Reese, Mrs. E. T. Cross, Fred Sowders, Jas. Messengale, Lexington; H. C. Weathers, Clintonville; Gilbert D. Robertson, Elmer Moore, soldier, Covington; Irvin Guya, two unidentified men. Weathers was not in the mob, but was walking along the street, when shot. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

The order to fire on the mob was given by Adjutant-General Deweese, who stated that he deferred the order as long as possible, and that no shots were fired until the mob had reached the machine gun. The shooting was done from the stone parapet in front of the court house, behind which the soldiers were lying as a sort of breastworks. The full details of the shooting were given in extras issued by the Lexington Herald and the Leader, and the regular editions of The Leader, reaching Paris at 5:25. These are too voluminous to be repeated in

LEGISLATURE PASSES MOB SUPPRESSION MEASURE

The bill to suppress mob violence was passed by the House at Frankfort. It provides that when more than three persons gather for the purpose of doing violence, injury to or lynching of any person in the custody of any peace officer or jailer, this shall be considered to be a mob. Any person who takes part in a mob shall be deemed to be guilty of lynching and the penalty for lynching is death or imprisonment.

Any person who harbors or conceals, or aids any member of a mob to escape arrest shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 20 days nor more than six months. The law as drawn prescribes a penitentiary sentence of not less than two nor more than 21 years. The jail sentence instead of the penitentiary sentence was inserted in the bill by an amendment offered by Representative Thos. R. Welch, who thought the penitentiary sentence would make the measure unconstitutional.

An amendment offered by Representative James H. Thompson, of Bourbon county, and accepted by Representative Joseph Lazarus, author of the measure, provides that the County Judge and not the sheriffs on the bond of an officer removed from office for permitting a prisoner to be taken from jail, shall appoint a person to fill the office thus vacated until the next general election. He amended the bill by providing that the Coroner shall fulfill the office of Sheriff and Jailor until such an election.

JANUARY BUSINESS IN POLICE COURT DULL.

Police Judge Ernest Martin had no occasion to complain of being overcrowded with business in his court in January. The month passed by with a clean docket book, unmarred by an entry of offenders being tried and no offenders reported. This is said to be the first instance of the kind known in the history of the local Police Court. All of which goes to show that Paris has become a law-abiding and law-respecting city.

our columns, owing to a lack of space.

Lockett was found guilty after a trial lasting but a few minutes. He was sentenced to be electrocuted on March 11. Five hundred Federal troops from Camp Taylor were sent to Lexington last night to assist in restoring order and in preserving the peace. The city was placed under martial law last night, and will remain so until conditions have cleared.

TOBACCO MARKETS

The Bourbon Tobacco Warehouse Co. sold yesterday a total of 317,975 pounds of tobacco for a money value of \$116,732.18, a floor average of \$36.74. As shown by the average the market was lower. The quality of the offerings was poor.

For the season up to date there has been sold on the Paris market a total of 9,419,135 pounds of tobacco, for a money value of \$4,614,939.54, a season average of \$48.95. During the past week the Independent Tobacco Warehouse Co. sold 505,375 pounds for \$201,940.36, a floor average of \$39.95. During the same period the Bourbon Tobacco Warehouse Co. sold a total of 617,750 pounds for \$262,679.90, an average of \$42.43.

No sales were held in the local warehouses Friday, owing to the fact that the tobacco sold the day previous had not been removed from the floors. The redrying houses and packers were filled to overflowing with baskets of tobacco purchased at preceding sales. There was a car shortage, also, which prevented prompt shipment of tobacco to the factories. The floors became crowded with tobacco, while the driveways were clogged with wagons awaiting shipment. All through Saturday the wagons continued to arrive and had to be parked under shelter until they could be unloaded. Cars were supplied by the L. & N. Saturday, relieving the congestion, and helping to clear the way for yesterday's sales.

At the sale held Friday at the Tattersall Warehouse, in Lexington, Lloyd and Ashurst, of Bourbon county, sold a crop of 3,715 pounds of tobacco that brought an average of \$57.73.

A FEW REASONS WHY SOME GAS AND ELECTRIC BILLS LOOK EXTRAVAGANT

In December our business was much larger than usual, and we, like all other concerns, were short of help. In order to get through with our meter readings by the first of January we were compelled to start reading the meters early in the month, a large number of them before Christmas. In January the big sheet came on, which caused us a great deal of damage. All our forces worked day and night for two weeks getting the lines straightened out. This work threw us behind in our meter readings for the month of January, and, as a consequence, our men didn't start until the very last of the month to read the meters. This, as you can readily see, made your bills for 33 to 38 days, instead of the usual 30 days. There may be some errors in reading, due to new men, and the rush necessitated in order to get through before the first of the month, but these will be corrected by the February reading.

We are trying to give the best service possible, and to do everything in reason for our customers, but like all other business, under present conditions, we are compelled to accept matters as they exist, and to do the best under the circumstances. We would prefer that all customers read their own meters and check them with our readings, and will gladly furnish them with dial cards for this purpose.

Respectfully,
C. L. STEENBERGEN, Manager.

ANOTHER DIAMOND RING RETURNED MYSTERIOUSLY.

Not "Ring, ring, who's got the ring?" but, "Mystery, mystery, who can solve the mystery?" A diamond ring stolen from the home of Mrs. James B. Wilson, on Mt. Airy avenue, some time ago, has been returned in a mysterious manner. Two valuable rings, the property of Miss Anna Wilson, disappeared from the home some time ago. One ring was returned in a mysterious manner a short time after and now the performance is repeated in an equally mysterious manner.

Saturday morning Miss Wilson was called to the telephone and conversed with a woman who stated that she was talking from Lexington. She informed Miss Wilson that her other ring would soon be returned to her. Saturday afternoon she received a small package through the mail, which, upon being opened, was found to contain the missing ring. The police are making an effort to learn the identity of the party or parties who returned the rings.

BUY EARLY.

Attend our February and March Cash Sale early. We save you money.

THE J. T. HINTON CO.

DOUBLE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Paris friends of Capt. John W. Throckmorton, the popular ex-passenger conductor and his estimable wife are extending congratulations to the happy couple. Captain and Mrs. Throckmorton celebrated their birthday anniversaries in Lexington, Wednesday, at their home on Woodland avenue. It is a peculiar coincidence that both birthdays fall on February 4, while their wedding anniversary is on February 3.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

The Paris Realty Co. sold Saturday the M. O. Biddle property on Twentieth street to Ed. Stump, for a private price.

As agents for S. R. Finney, of Middletown, Ohio, Harris & Speakes, of Paris, sold Friday to Mrs. Mary Blackerby, a house and two lots, located on Brent street, in Paris, for \$2,500.

James Webb purchased of George Broderick a frame cottage and store-room adjoining, located on Second street, for \$3,000. The property was occupied for some time as a grocery by the late Geo. W. Myers. Mr. Webb will conduct a grocery in the store-room.

J. A. Fryman, of Nicholas county, purchased of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffin, of Paris, through the Bishop & Flora real estate agency, their cottage located at the corner of Nineteenth street and Clifton avenue, for \$2,100. Mr. Fryman will get possession of the home in March, and will occupy it.

Samuel Griffin, of near Paris, purchased of John M. Stuart, a small lot at the northeast corner of Tenth and Pleasant streets, for \$2,000. Mr. Griffin will tear down the cottage on the lot and use the site as a storage ground for the Dickerson Garage, in which he has lately become interested.

The James Monroe Leer farm of 157 acres, located on the Russell pike, near Centerville, was sold last week to Wm. H. Whaley, Jr., of Paris, who will subdivide it and dispose of it at public sale. The price paid for the farm was not given out for publication. Mr. Whaley will get possession of the farm in March.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Kenney Nichols sold their handsome High street home at private sale Friday afternoon to Mrs. Ferguson, of near Shawhan, for close to \$7,000. Possession will be given March 1. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols will move to their farm near Lexington, purchased sometime ago from the Ed. Ford heirs.

For the fifth time in the last twelve months the William Harris farm, located on the Bethlehem pike, near Paris, containing 35½ acres, has changed ownership. On last Friday the Paris Realty Co. disposed of the farm at private sale to A. W. Shroat, of near Millersburg, for \$17,000. One year ago the farm brought \$13,000.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shire purchased recently of Wm. H. Whaley, Jr., of Paris, the attractive frame residence of Ossian Edwards, for a price said to have been about \$5,600. In the deal Mr. Whaley took over the three-story brick warehouse, on Pleasant street, occupied by R. B. Hutchcraft & Co., as part payment. Mr. and Mrs. Shire are now occupying the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. White sold last week, through the Paris Realty Co., their attractive Higgins Avenue home, for \$8,500, the purchaser being James B. Woodford, of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Woodford will occupy the property about March 1. Mr. and Mrs. White will move to Lexington, where the former will engage in the real estate business.

Newton Bishop, of Woodford county, sold, through the Bishop & Flora real estate agency of this city, the Johnson farm, located on the Winchester pike, in Clark county, containing 185 acres, to George W. Bramblette, of near Millersburg, for \$330.23 an acre. Mr. Bishop purchased the farm a few weeks ago from W. D. McIntyre, of Millersburg, and realized a nice profit on his investment.

TEN OVERCOATS FOR SALE

Just ten overcoats going for \$13.50. "Make it snappy, men." L. WOLLSTEIN, 619 Main Street.

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BURNING RUBBISH CAUSES FIRE ALARM.

Burning rubbish in a vacant lot near the city quarry Friday night caused an alarm to be turned in from Box 13. The fire department responded and extinguished the flames. Residents in the vicinity feared flying sparks might cause a serious fire.

Fire, Wind and Lightning Insurance.

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COUNTY COURT NEWS

Jesse Evans, alias "Red Jess," of North Middletown, was presented in Judge Batterton's Court, Saturday, on a warrant sworn out by the partner of his joys and sorrows, charging him with committing a breach of the peace. Evans' offense consisted of administering a physical reproof to his better half. He was held under a bond of \$250 to keep the peace for one year toward his wife and all other persons. In default of same, he was remanded to the custody of Jailor Thomas Taul.

AMERICAN LEGION STARTS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

"Do you wear the American Legion button? If not, why?" This is what every soldier, sailor and marine of Bourbon county, who served in the late war will be asked at some time within the next two weeks, during which time a State-wide campaign for new members will be carried on.

In conjunction with the other posts in the State, Bourbon Post, No. 30, met at the court house Friday night and appointed the following as county campaign committeemen: Dr. Milton Stern, chairman; Dr. Avonia Kiser, Wm. Collins, Hiram Roseberry and Joseph Letcher. This committee met Sunday afternoon and named the following as precinct committeemen:

Millersburg—Shirley Dazell, Russell Caldwell and James Miller.

Little Rock—Fielding Rogers and Harvey Johnson.

North Middletown—Stanley Dickson, L. Raymond Jones, Stanley Jones.

Clintonville—Dr. W. C. Worthington, Harmon Turner and Ernest Darnaby.

Hutchison—Jos. Letcher, Hiram Roseberry and Hord Perkins.

Centerville—Dr. A. E. Kiser and Dr. Sweatnam.

Ruddles Mills—H. B. Anderson, K. K. Kiser, James Lail and Jason Redmon.

Paris—F. W. Galloway, Dr. J. T. Brown, Ireland Davis, Barnett Winters, Blair Varden, Paul Brannon, Carl Bratton, J. G. Metcalf, Roy Odgen, Catesby Spears.

During the county campaign the American Legion headquarters will be in the Red Cross rooms, in the First National Bank building. All eligibles may be enrolled by applying here, and certificates of membership will be presented to all members who have not yet received them.

On next Sunday night Rev. Smiley, former army chaplain, will deliver an address at the Presbyterian church, to all ex-service men of the county.

On Sunday, February 22, an impressive memorial service for those who gave their lives for their country, will be rendered by the local post, at which time engraved certificates, which have been presented by the French government as a token of appreciation, will be conveyed to the next of kin of the fallen soldier, sailor or marine. Further announcement of this program will be made.

ATTEND THE FARM SALE ON THURSDAY

On Thursday, Harris & Speakes will sell at auction on the premises, on the Ruddles Mills pike, near Paris, a small farm of fifty acres of unimproved land. Read the ad. on page two of this issue of THE NEWS for full particulars.

ALLEGED FORGER IN CLUTCHES OF THE LAW.

Charged with uttering and passing forged checks bearing the purported signatures of certain Bourbon county people, Morton McKee, giving his residence at Wallingford, Fleming county, was placed under arrest Saturday morning by Chief of Police Link, and placed in jail.

It was claimed by the police that McKee was also wanted in Fleming county on a charge of stealing a motorcycle. They further claimed that McKee forged the name of A. W. Plummer, of near Paris, to a check for \$47, which he had cashed at the Friedman shoe store; another for \$207, bearing the forged signature of a Mr. McCarthy, of Centerville, which was cashed at the Peoples-Deposit Bank. When placed under arrest the police allege that McKee had in his possession two other checks for \$312.75, both carrying the alleged signature of D. M. Frederickson.

McKee was taken before County Judge George Batterton, Saturday afternoon for a hearing.

A large number of witnesses were examined, the testimony strongly incriminating the accused. McKee entered a plea of guilty, and was held to appear before the grand jury at the March term of the Bourbon Circuit Court. Being unable to furnish bond he was remanded to the custody of Jailor Thomas Taul.

FINE BOURBON COUNTY FARM TO BE SOLD THURSDAY

Harris & Speakes will offer at public sale on the premises Thursday a fifty acre unimproved farm, located on the Ruddles Mills pike, three miles from Paris. A good chance to get a fine farm, located within ¼ mile of one of the best schools in the county. Read the ad. on page two of this issue of THE NEWS.

BASKET BALL GAMES.

The boys' and girls' basketball teams of the Paris High School defeated the Maysville High School team in games played on the latter's floors, Friday night, by the following scores: Girls—Paris, 14 Maysville, 9; Boys—Paris, 20, Maysville, 14. And upon the return of the victorious teams to Paris that night they, or some of their enthusiastic supporters, preceded to "celebrate" the victory by painting the scores on plate glass show windows of all the prominent stores in the city.

The Paris and Cynthia High School teams will meet on the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium floor, in this city to-night, at 7:30 o'clock. Both teams are in excellent condition, and interesting and exciting games may be looked for.

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